AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A crystal of <u>a solvate of</u> a compound of formula (I) or its salt or their solvate:

TBSO
$$CO_2H$$
 O PPh_3 O

wherein TBS represents t-butyldimethylsilyl and Ph represents phenyl <u>and the solvate is a hydrate</u>, an alcoholate, an etherate or a solvate with an ester solvent.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, which is a crystal of [[a]] an alkyl acetate solvate of the compound of formula (I).
- 3. (Original) The crystal according to claim 1, which is a crystal of an ethyl acetate solvate of the compound of formula (I).
- 4. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 10.2 ± 0.1 , 11.7 ± 0.1 , 17.0 ± 0.1 and 21.5 ± 0.1 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 10.2 ± 0.1

 11.7 ± 0.1

 17.0 ± 0.1

 21.5 ± 0.1 .

5. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 4, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having diffraction peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 10.2 ± 0.1 , 11.7 ± 0.1 , 11.9 ± 0.1 17.0 ± 0.1 and 21.5 ± 0.1 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]:

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 10.2 ± 0.1

 11.7 ± 0.1

 11.9 ± 0.1

 17.0 ± 0.1

 21.5 ± 0.1 .

- 6. (Original) The crystal according to claim 1, which can be obtained by precipitating a crystal from a solution of the compound of formula (I) dissolved in ethyl acetate.
- 7. (Original) The crystal according to claim 1, which is a crystal of a butyl acetate solvate of the compound of formula (I).
- 8. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having diffraction peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 9.3 ± 0.1 , 12.5 ± 0.2 , 13.7 ± 0.2 and 15.7 ± 0.2 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 9.3 ± 0.1

 12.5 ± 0.2

 13.7 ± 0.2

 15.7 ± 0.2

9. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 8, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having diffraction peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 8.0 ± 0.1 , 9.3 ± 0.1 , 9.8 ± 0.2 , 12.5 ± 0.2 , 13.7 ± 0.2 and 15.7 ± 0.2 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 8.0 ± 0.1

 9.3 ± 0.1

 9.8 ± 0.2

 12.5 ± 0.2

 13.7 ± 0.2

 15.7 ± 0.2 .

10. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having diffraction peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 5.7 ± 0.1 , 11.2 ± 0.2 , 13.9 ± 0.2 and 14.5 ± 0.2 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 5.7 ± 0.1

 $\frac{11.2 \pm 0.2}{}$

 13.9 ± 0.2

 14.5 ± 0.2 .

11. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 10, comprising which exhibits a powder X ray diffraction pattern having diffraction peaks at at least the following diffraction angles (20) 5.7 ± 0.1 , 8.4 ± 0.1 , 10.3 ± 0.1 , 11.2 ± 0.2 , 13.9 ± 0.2 and 14.5 ± 0.2 degrees 20 when measured using CuK α radiation.[[:]]

Diffraction angle (20) [°]

 5.7 ± 0.1

 8.4 ± 0.1

 10.3 ± 0.1

 11.2 ± 0.2

 13.9 ± 0.2

 14.5 ± 0.2 .

- 12. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, which be obtainable obtained by precipitating a crystal from a solution of the compound of formula (I) dissolved in butyl acetate or a mixture of butyl acetate with a solvent for crystallization.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 12, wherein said solvent for crystallization is n-hexane or n-heptane.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The crystal according to claim 1, which be obtainable obtained by dissolving the compound of formula (I) in a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropyl alcohol, n-butanol, diethyl ether, methyl acetate, propyl acetate, butyl acetate, and a mixture of any one of said solvents with a solvent for crystallization, and precipitating a crystal from the solution.
- 15. (Original) A process for producing a crystal according to claim 1, said process comprising dissolving the compound of formula (I) in a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropyl alcohol, n-butanol, diethyl ether, methyl acetate, propyl acetate, butyl acetate, and a mixture of any one of said solvents with a solvent for crystallization, and precipitating a crystal from the solution.

- 16. (Original) The process according to claim 15, wherein said solution and a separately provided solvent for crystallization are subjected to the procedure by a vapor diffusion method to precipitate a crystal.
- 17. (Original) The process according to claim 16, wherein said procedure by the vapor diffusion method comprises allowing said solution and a separately provided solvent for crystallization to stand separately in respective hermetically sealable vessels in a volume ration of 1:1 to 1:20.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The process according to any one of claims claim 15, wherein said solvent for dissolving the compound of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, and a mixture of any one of said solvents with a solvent for crystallization.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The process according to any one of claims claim 15, wherein said solvent for crystallization is selected from the group consisting of n-pentane, n-hexane, n-heptane, cyclohexane, petroleum ether, diisopropyl ether, and diethyl ether.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 19, wherein said solvent for crystallization is n-hexane or n-heptane.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The process according to any one of claims claim 15, comprising wherein said solvent is one prepared by dissolving a non-crystalline solid compound of formula (I) as the compound of formula (I) for dissolution in said solvent in ethyl acetate or butyl acetate, further adding n-hexane or n-heptane, and cooling the mixture, and optionally isolating and vacuum drying the resultant solid matter.

22. (Canceled)